

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

P.S. – Agriculture Department – Sri G. Madhavaiah, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Gooty, Ananthapur District – initiated disciplinary action u/r 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Punishment imposed – Review petition rejected – Representation partly allowed – Further representation – Set aside the penalty orders – Orders –Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 779

Dated:30-06-2009.

Read the following:-

- 1 G.O.Rt.No.256, Agrl. & Coopn.. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated 14-3-2002.
- 2 G.O.Rt.No.1158, Agrl. & Coopn.. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated 7-11-2003.
- 3 G.O.Rt.No.787, Agrl. & Coopn.. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated 17-09-2003
- 4 Representation from Sri G. Madhavaiah, ADA(R), Gooty, Ananthapur District Dated 25-10-2007.
- 5 From the Commissioner & Director Agriculture, Hyd. Lr.No. Vig.IV (3) 412/2004, dated 28-5-2009.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, orders were issued awarding the punishment of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect, besides recovery of Rs.2,08,370.17 on Sri G.Madhavaiah, former Agriculture Officer, Pathikonda, Kurnool District, for committing irregularities in distribution of seeds, and for his failure to recover the said amounts, and adjustment of the accounts. Aggrieved by the orders of penalty imposed by Government the individual filed review petition and requested to set aside the penalty. Government after careful consideration, observed that Sri G. Madhavaiah, had not committed any misappropriation and no malafide intention had been proved against him, but observed that responsible for non recovery of the amounts due from the Agricultural Officers concerned. Accordingly, Government vide reference 3rd read above reduced the punishment of stoppage of two increments without cumulative effect to that of "Censure", besides recovery of Rs.2,08,370-17 ps from the individual.

2. Aggrieved by the above penalty, Sri G.Madhavaiah, Asst. Director of Agriculture (R) Gooty, vide reference 4th read above has filed another representation. He has stated that the amount which was credited to the Agricultural Officers concerned was subsequently remitted by them and there is no misappropriation committed by him. Hence, he has requested to set aside the penalty of 'Censure' and recovery orders.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad has informed that most of the field staff who took seed on credit and not remitted the cost are retired from public service and some of them expired after retirement. In order to avoid delay in process of recovery, the individual personally contacted the field staff who are in service, retired and the families of those who expired after retirement, and has explained them about the position with the proof. They convinced and paid the amount due, in cash and this balance amount of Rs.1,19,351-00 has been remitted to Government account at Sub –Treasury, Gooty through challan No. 1065 dated 15-5-2009. Further, he has stated that the entire amount of Rs. 2,08,370.00 is recovered (Rs.89,020.00 from the individual + 1,19,351.00 from Assistant Director of Agriculture and adjusted to the Government account. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad has therefore, requested the Government to issue further orders on the representation filed by Sri G. Madhavaiah, Asst. Director of Agriculture ® Gooty, Ananthapur District.

4. Government have carefully examined the representation submitted by G.Madhavaiah, Assistant Director of Agriculture ® Gooty, Ananthapur District with reference to the original records and remarks of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad, and observed that as seen from the records the field staff have taken seed on credit basis and not remitted cost of the seed. However, the entire amount is recovered from the field staff and adjusted to the Government account. The individual has not committed any misappropriation of the Government money, and there is no loss to the Government. In view of the above, Government have decided to set aside the penalty of "Censure" and to treat the period of suspension as on duty.

5. Government hereby set aside the penalty of 'Censure' imposed against Sri G. Madavaiah, Asst. Director of Agriculture ® Gooty, Ananthapur District. The suspension period is treated as on duty.

6. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**RACHEL CHATTERJEE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri G. Madhavaiah, Asst. Director of Agriculture(R), Gooty,
Ananthapur District (through Commissioner & Director of
Agriculture, Hyderabad.).

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture,
A.P. Hyderabad.
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